

the charge collection terminal existing individually from said service provider terminal,

wherein said user terminal generates service request data and digital signature data and transmits them via the network to said service provider terminal, and the service request data is for requesting desired service for the user from said service provider terminal and the digital signature data is created based on said service request data.

2. (Twice Amended) The charging system for electronic commerce according to Claim 1, wherein:

[said user terminal generates service request data and digital signature data and transmits them via the network to said service provider terminal, the service request data is for requesting desired service for the user from said service provider terminal and the digital signature data is created based on said service request data; and]

said service provider terminal transmits to said charge collection terminal said digital signature data, said service request data and charged fee data, the charged fee data calculated based on said service request data.

4. (Twice Amended) The charging system for electronic commerce according to Claim 1, wherein:

[said user terminal generates service request data and digital signature data and transmits them via the network to said service provider terminal, the service request data is for requesting from said service provider terminal desired service for the user and the digital signature data is created based on said service request data;]

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said user terminal comprises a memory medium which stores said service request data; and

when the user objects to the charge, in response to a fee collection notice from said charge collection terminal, the user enables a sending of data stored in said memory medium to said charge collection terminal, and the charge collection terminal enables the read out of said service request data and said digital signature data from said memory medium to confirm the provided desired service.

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6. (Twice Amended) The charging system for electronic commerce according to Claim 4, wherein:

said user terminal is controlled by the user, said service request data is stored once in said memory medium, and said service request data is impossible for the user to rewrite.

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9. (Twice Amended) A method of charging for electronic commerce, a service provider terminal providing service to a user via a network in response to a request from a user terminal, and charging a user a fee corresponding to said service, comprising steps of:

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collecting a charged fee from said user by a charge collection terminal, which fee is reflected by said service provided by said service provider terminal;

generating service request data and digital signature data on said user terminal, transmitting the service request data and the digital signature data via the network to said service provider terminal, the service request data for requesting desired service for the user from said service provider terminal and the digital signature data is created based on said service request data,

wherein[:]

the charge collection terminal is provided individually from said service provider terminal.

10. (Twice Amended) The method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 9, further comprising the steps of:

[generating service request data and digital signature data on said user terminal, transmitting the service request data and the digital signature data via the network to said service provider terminal, the service request data for requesting desired service for the user from said service provider terminal and the digital signature data is created based on said service request data;]

transmitting to said charge collection terminal charged fee data from said service provider terminal, the charged fee data calculated based on said service request data; and

transmitting to said charge collection terminal said digital signature data and said service request data from said service provider terminal.

12. (Twice Amended) The method of charging for electronic commerce according to Claim 9, wherein:

[said service request data and said digital signature data are generated by said user terminal;

said service request data and said digital signature data are transmitted via the network to said service provider terminal;

the service request data is for requesting desired service of the user to said service provider terminal, the digital signature data is created based on said service request data;]

said user terminal stores said service request data; and